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Cell Phone Waiting Area to Open at Dulles Airport

Provides alternative to driving in circles

Drivers arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport will soon have a new option when waiting to pick up passengers. A Cell Phone Waiting Area located on the airport will give drivers an alternative to circling the Main Terminal. Beginning December 21st, this free waiting area will provide a place to park until the phone rings.

This new Cell Phone Waiting Area is located about one and a half miles from the Main Terminal and about three minutes away. Signage on Airport roadways will direct motorists to and from the waiting area and the Terminal. The lot will be open only to non-commercial vehicles, which must be attended at all times. The maximum allowed waiting time is one hour. Drivers wishing to wait longer are reminded that the Airport has paid parking lots and garages within walking distance of the Terminal. The first 20 minutes of parking is free in these facilities.

The widespread use of cell phones prompted the addition of this lot at Dulles. "As communication technology has grown, more people are using cell phones to reach those meeting them when they land," said James Bennett, President/CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. "We are pleased to offer our customers at Dulles a new option to having drivers circling the Airport roadways and waiting for a call. The benefits of this new area in addition to convenience also include saving gas and making our roadways safer."

Space for the Cell Phone Waiting Area was created by improving a vacant parking lot at the corner of Rudder Road and Autopilot Drive (see map attached).

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Map showing location of Cell Phone Waiting Area at Washington Dulles International Airport

